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1. ON JUNE 3 THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED REGULATIONS UNDER ITS ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 17 DECEMBER 1976 (REFAIR) ESTABLISHING A "FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE" AROUND SVALBARD TO ENTER INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 15. A PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION OF THE REGULATIONS DONE BY THE GON FOLLOWS BELOW. FURTHER COMMENTS RE ZONE WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.

QUOTE REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD: BY ROYAL DECREE OF 3 JUNE 1977 AND PURSUANT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ACT OF 17 DECEMBER 1976 RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD ARE HEREWITH PRESCRIBED:

ARTICLE 1. A FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE SEA AREAS OFF THE COAST OF SVALBARD FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES IN THE SEA AND REGULATING FISHING AND HUNTING

OPERATIONS.

THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE SHALL BE DRAWN AT A DISTANCE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES (1 NAUTICAL MILE EQUALS 1852 METRES) FROM THE APPLICABLE BASELINES, OR, WHERE THERE ARE NOT APPLICABLE BASELINES, FROM THE LINES WHICH CONNECT THE OUTERMOST POINTS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.

THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE IS FURTHERMORE LIMITED BY THE OUTER LIMIT OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE OFF THE NORWEGIAN MAINLAND, AS THIS ZONE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY ROYAL DECREE OF 17 DECEMBER 1976.

WHERE THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE IS ADJACENT TO A JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF ANOTHER STATE, THE LIMIT SHALL BE DRAWN ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 2. PROVISIONALLY THE RULES PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3 OF ACT NO 91 OF 17 DECEMBER 1976 RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY SHALL NOT BE APPLIED WITHIN THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE.

ARTICLE 3. THE MINISTRY OF FISHERIES IS HEREBY EMPOWERED TO PRESCRIBE:

1. PROHIBITION AGAINST FISHING OPERATIONS IN SPECIFIED AREAS TO PROTECT THE GROWTH OF YOUNG FISH AND TO SECURE RECRUITMENT TO THE FISH STOCKS. THE PROHIBITION MAY BE MADE APPLICABLE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OR FOR PARTS OF THE YEAR.

2. PROVISIONS RELATING TO REGULATORY MEASURES ON FISHING GEAR AND MINIMUM SIZES OF FISH.

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3. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE CATCHES FOR EACH SPECIES OF FISH. SUCH CATCHES MAY BE APPORTIONED OVER THE WHOLE YEAR AS APPROPRIATE.

ARTICLE 4. VESSELS ENGAGED IN FISHING OR HUNTING IN THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE SHALL NOTIFY ISFJORD RADIO OF WHEN AND WHERE FISHING IN THE ZONE IS DUE TO COMMENCE OR IS DISCONTINUED. EACH VESSEL SHALL FURTHERMORE SUBMIT WEEKLY CATCH REPORTS TO THE DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES. SUCH REPORTS SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S VOLUME OF CATCH IN METRIC TONS, LIVE WEIGHT, SPECIFIED ACCORDING TO SPECIES OF FISH, FISHING DAYS AND FISHING AREAS.

THE FINAL CATCH REPORT, COMPRISING THE VOLUME FISHED AND DELIVERED FOR EACH VESSEL IN THE ZONE DURING ONE MONTH, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES THROUGH THE FISHERY AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNTRY CONCERNED BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE SUCCEEDING MONTH.

FISHING VESSELS FISHING IN THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE SHALL KEEP A CATCH LOGBOOK.

ARTICLE 5. IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES' ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE WITHIN THE FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE, VESSELS ENGAGED IN FISHING OR HUNTING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE ZONE SHALL BE BOUND TO FURNISH ALL ASSISTANCE DURING INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED ON BOARD, HEREUNDER ENSURING THAT THE INSPECTORS SHALL HAVE UNHINDERED ACCESS TO STORAGE SPACE FOR FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS.

ARTICLE 6. ANYONE WILFULLY OR NEGLIGENTLY VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS OR OF PROVISIONS ISSUED IN PURSUANCE THEREOF OR WHO AID AND ABET WHEREIN SHALL BE PUNISHED BY FINES. ATTEMPTED VIOLATIONS SHALL BE SIMILARLY PUNISHED.

ARTICLE 8, SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE ACT RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC ZONE OF NORWAY SHALL NOT BE APPLIED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ARTICLE 7. THESE REGULATIONS ENTER INTO FORCE ON 15 JUNE 1977.

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